# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN FOOTBALL COACHES
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India has sent a team abroad to scout for coaches for football;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of foreign coaches employed by the Sports Authority of India; and

(d) the States selected by Sports Authority of India for focusing on football?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A total of 42 foreign coaches are employed by Sports Authority of India i.e 27 on long- term basis and 15 for short duration.

(d) Sports is a State subject. Moreover, promotion of a particular sports is primarily the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation. However, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is promoting different sports disciplines including football in different States/UTs through its Regional Centres under its Sports Operational Schemes like SAI Training Centres, Special Area Games.

The number of trainees in the discipline of football under various schemes of SAI is given as under:

1. SAI Training Centres- 378 Boys and 38 Girls.

2. Special Area Games- 96 Boys

3. National Sports Talent Contest Scheme - 155 Boys and 12 Girls.

4. Army Boys Sports Company Scheme- 86 Boys